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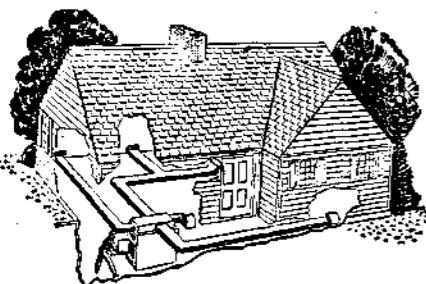
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State G. O. P. Seeks New Ideas; Leader

Michigan Republicans are looking for a knight in shining armor to revive the party for 1956. Confused and hurt after their fourth straight loss to Democratic Gov. Williams, Republicans from the top to the doorbell-ringers are preaching revival.

"We've got to do more than rest on our oars and place our faith in tradition," said Treasurer D. Hale Brake.

It was the valedictory of a sincere party stalwart who was swept out of office in the Democratic landslide after 14 years as guardian of the state's pursestrings.

He has seen politicians come and go and at one time figured to be the Republican rallying point. Others differed and rather than split the party, Brake went along.

Now, in the debris of another election in which all Republican candidates for state office met political disaster, Brake is back with ideas to put the party on its feet again.

Brake wants to fight fire with fire.

He suggests recruiting an out-state chairman and insists he be well-versed in publicity; a man who will capture the imagination of a new kind of voter.

It's the same step Democrats took years ago with Williams, the boyish-looking idol of the young people: the trademarks of politics—the bow tie and the square-dance calling.

The technique made Williams a popular vote-getter, a politician everyone would like to have live next door and it won him four terms in the executive office.

Democrats had the keen Paul W. Weber to guide Williams' footsteps and write his speeches. Weber feints the opposition of balance and crosses with a well-turned phrase.

It's the pattern that Michigan politics has taken in the past decade.

But who is the man or men around which this new and fresh Republican party can be constructed?

One choice is Congressman Gerald Ford, the young man from Grand Rapids. His backers say he has the energy, the youth, the foresight to breathe new life into an old philosophy.

Others claim that because Republicans are out of the main state offices, the mantle of leadership will naturally fall to party members in the legislature.

There the Republicans have Senators Creighton R. Coleman, Battle Creek; Edward Hutchinson Fennville; Carlton H. Morris, Kalamazoo. All are among "Young Turks" who gained power two years ago.

Coleman admits privately he would like to run for Congress but might stay around for extra party duties. Morris is young, a lawyer and admits no ambitions beyond the state borders.

Hutchinson, whose grandfather once sat in the Senate, will work in Michigan for the next 1,000 years, if necessary, for Republicans.

The House of Representatives has Rep. Harry J. Phillips, Port Huron; and Herb Clements, Decaturville; Reed Orr, Battle Creek; and a number of other young men ready for battle with Democrats.

Whatever happens, it's a certainty among Republicans that those at the head of the party organization from Detroit will be of less importance when the 1956 convention is held.

Bingo is Still Unlawful in Michigan. The election saw a proposed constitutional amendment defeated which would have led to its legalization under restraints of the legislature.

Counties which have been turning their heads the other way for years are suddenly cracking down chasing bingo out of the clubs—under the theory that they have a mandate of the people.

The most telling argument in favor of bingo during the campaign was:

"If Michigan can control legalized gambling at the horse tracks, why not if the game is bingo?"

Now that their election battles are past one legislator is carrying the torch against all gambling.

Rep. Willard L. Bowerman (R-Lansing) said he would ask the 1955 legislature to outlaw parimutuel betting at the races, wiping out a multi-million dollar operation.

Michigan gets up to \$7,000,000 a year from the tracks in taxes, Bowerman said.

"That's a paltry sum when morals of our citizens are involved."

Prisons and Mental Hospitals are both overcrowded in Michigan and

Wayne U.'s TV Weatherman Tells How to Predict Michigan Weather



Dr. Everett R. Phelps, professor of physics and astronomy at Wayne University, waits for the cue to begin his television weather broadcast over WJBK-TV, Channel 2, Detroit.

The old adage about everyone talking about the weather and no one doing anything about it probably is just as true today with television on the daily scene. Weather experts have become as popular as many TV stars for their daily interpretations and predictions of local and national weather conditions through the medium of television.

"Generally," Dr. Phelps said, "weather conditions move across the country from west to east. Since the high pressure areas called 'highs,' the low pressure areas called 'lows,' and the weather fronts move eastward at about 20 m.p.h., Michigan normally gets the weather that was experienced in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and northern Illinois the previous day."

"Therefore, by looking at the conditions in these areas on the TV or newspaper weather maps, a pretty good estimate of the Michigan weather can be made for the following day."

Storms are usually associated with low pressure areas and with the passage of cold or warm "fronts." A weather front is the dividing line between two masses of air at different temperatures. If

a battle is brewing over who will get the 200-bed addition to the Ionia State Hospital for the Criminally Insane.

"We want it all," said Corrections Director Gus Harrison. He has a law on his side, one

passed two years ago which said that the addition would be turned over to the use of the corrections department. Mental Health Director Charles F. Waggs said:

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Pot-Luck Luncheon Held

The ladies of the Hospital Aid and their guests held a pot-luck luncheon at the Nurses Home last Thursday afternoon.

After a lovely lunch, they held their annual election of officers. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Ruth Jelneck, president; Mrs. Lorrie Douglas, vice-president; Mrs. Roy Trudeau, secretary and Mrs. Harry Young, treasurer. At the end of the meeting the group sang Christmas carols.

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The Challenge Of The Seals

This year, 1954, we celebrate a golden anniversary of the Christmas Seal, which came to us from Denmark just a half century ago, and of the National TB Association, for which the Christmas Seal has furnished such remarkable support in the fifty year battle against tuberculosis. The anniversary Seal shows rows of dancing children—youngsters like those in every American community, whose lives are made more secure through each holiday Christmas Seal Sale.

As the Michigan Tuberculosis Association says, we have come a long way since the day when the wasted figure of the "consumptive" walked the streets of every city. But the association also warns that "we now enter the most difficult half of the century in the battle against tuberculosis...the battle against indifference." It is easy, notes the association, to rally volunteers to wage a war when each of them has had a personal experience with the enemy. It is quite another thing when victory is predictable, and when those who are the victims are out of sound and sight...

Great things have been accomplished against TB in the first half of the century. But we still have not reached the goal set by those determined volunteers who launched the TB fight fifty years ago. Their goal was the complete eradication of tuberculosis. This goal must remain ours. This is our challenge. This is a challenge of the second half of the century.

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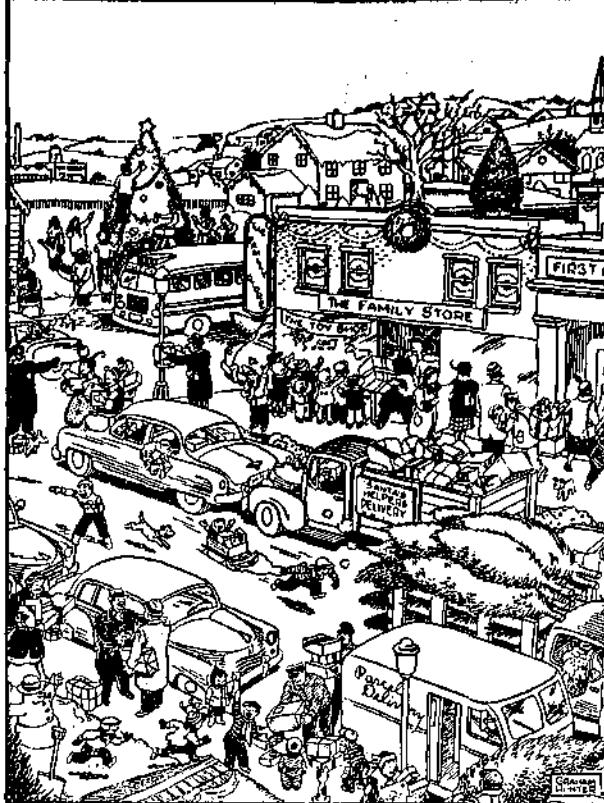
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Misses Alice Mallory and Mary Harrison are spending the week visiting relatives and friends in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gorman enjoyed a visit from the former's sister, Mrs. Floyd Schneider and family of Bay City Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Regan and daughter left Tuesday for Flint after spending the past six weeks with Mr. Regan's mother, Mrs. Frank L. Beckman and family.

The Ladies of the Danish Sisterhood held a special meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Rasmus Jounson. Mrs. Alfred Hanson became a member of the Sisterhood that afternoon.

46 Years Ago — Dec. 17, 1908

Mrs. John Shively of Beaver Creek is visiting her mother in Lansing.

Mrs. W. T. Lewis of Frederic was in town Tuesday combining business with calling on old friends.

The Dowell Mill is running again with a full complement of men, and all are glad to hear the whistle.

Regular service has been resumed at the Danish Lutheran Church, Rev. Kjelde, the new pastor arrived last month.

Nine of our merchants met Monday evening and organized what will be known as the Retail Merchants Association of Grayling with Hyman Joseph president, Fred Nordin, vice president, and S. S. Phelps Jr., secretary.

Married November 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. McNeven, Miss Mary McNeven and Mr. Frank Smith of this village. Rev. Fleming officiated. After the ceremony the happy couple left for a visit with friends in Romeo.

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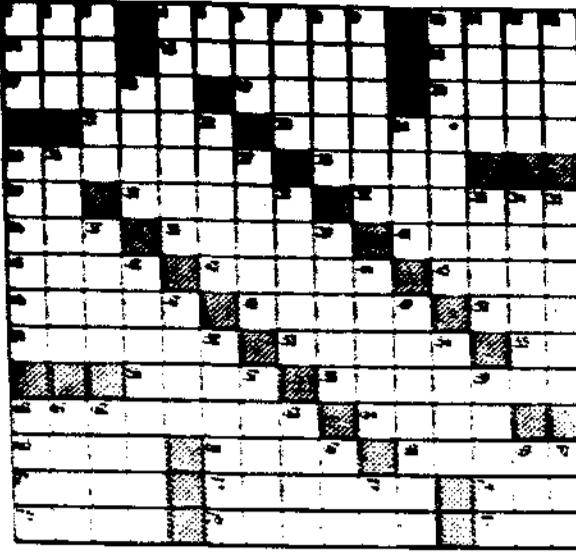
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James V. Burchett,
Judge of Probate

A true copy
James V. Burchett,
Judge of Probate
Dec. 10, 1954

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Order of the Conservation Commission Regulating Fishing in North Branch of the Au Sable River, Crawford County

By authority of Act 130 P. A. 1943, as amended by the Conservation Commission, it is ordered that for a period of one year from December 1, 1954, to December 31, 1955, no person shall go fishing in the North Branch of the Au Sable River, Crawford County, or in any tributary thereto, or in any lake or reservoir or in any other body of water in Crawford County, or in any part of the state, except as follows:

Signed sealed and ordered published this twentieth day of August, 1954.

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**Jack Hummel Wins
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Airman First Class Jack E. Hummel, HQ Sq 31st Air Division (Det.), Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, has been named Squadron Air Base Airman of the Month of December, according to Capt. Paul R. Radke, Headquarters Squadron Commander.

The double award goes to Airman Hummel for his outstanding qualities as an airman and excellent performance of his duties with the Operations and Training Hummel of Star Route, Grayling.

Section of the Division, where he is a clerk-typist.

A special dance and presentation of awards highlighted recognition of his winning the honor of "Base Airman of the Month." He also appeared on local radio and television shows and received passes to movies and sports events.

As Squadron Airman of the Month, Hummel received \$10, a three-day pass, and a letter of recommendation for his military service record from his commander.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley D. Hummel of Star Route, Grayling,

**M. M. Church
Youth Fellowship**

At 2:30 Sunday four of the youth fellowship members met and made a wreath to send to the youth fellowship in Mexico City. We also made wreaths to sell.

At 6:00 we had our regular youth fellowship meeting. We recited Christmas carols until 7:00. At 7:00 we had our business meeting. It lasted until 7:30, then we had our worship meeting and the last movie on "The Life of St. Paul". We adjourned at 8:30. Judy Larson

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BITS O' TALK

The Grayling Fire Department was called to the home of Al Matthews near Black Bear Inn on M-76 last Tuesday evening. The cause of the fire was unknown and the estimated damage was \$2300 according to Fire Chief Middle LaMotte.

Mrs. George Smiggen left last week to spend the winter in Florida.

Miss Mabel Brasie returned home Friday after spending two weeks in Birmingham visiting her sister, Miss Muriel Brasie.

The Dr. J. F. Cooks and the A. J. Sonvensons entertained at a Saturday night dinner party at the Cook's residence. The evening was spent playing bridge and the prizes were won by Dr. B. E. Henning and Mrs. Harold McNeven for high and Leonard Knibbs receiving the galloping prize.

Grayling Twp. taxes due Dec. 1st, 4% penalty after Jan. 19th. See adv. elsewhere in this issue for office hours.

Mrs. Harold Long returned home Saturday after spending a week in Detroit visiting friends and relatives.

The Q. C. Club held their annual Christmas party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Jensen. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bristol. The evening was spent playing games and the prizes were won by Mrs. Rolla Falling and Clayton Bristol.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burns and family of Traverse City, spent the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burns.

Musicians Wanted (electrical instruments). Apply Smiggen Diggins, Grayling.

The Sunday night bridge club met at the home of the Dr. B. E. Henning. The prizes went to Mrs. Leonard Knibbs, Mrs. Dale Petengill, Mrs. Frank Bond, Bill Joseph, Frank Bond and Don Goetho.

Among those spending Saturday in Traverse City, were Miss Lillian Hill, Miss Mary Mikesell, Bob Strong, Mrs. Roger Lester, Mrs. Robert Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pond, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mabel Bidwell, Mr. and Mrs. James Hatfield, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hatfield, Mrs. Charles Decker, Mrs. Frank Muth, Mrs. Jessie Adkins, Miss Pat Madson, Mrs. Al Baginski and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Shafer and son Jim, Mrs. Norman Moyer Sr., and daughter Carol, Mrs. Norman Moyer Jr., and Miss Phyllis Mills.

For Christmas wreaths and roping, see Harley Kennedy on South Side across from Danish boarding house. Grave blankets on order.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seidler and daughter Fawn of Bay City spent the weekend visiting their daughter and family, the Herman Hebeles.

Mrs. Alex Atkinson and Mrs. Clarence Gross spent Tuesday in West Branch visiting their sister, Mrs. Stuart Rutledge.



EASY DOES IT
BY HELEN HALE

TABLE glasses will take on a festive look even though you use old jelly glasses if you make a spiral design around them with Christmas decorated cellophane tape.

Paper napkins will take on holiday airs if you paste Christmas stickers on them or if they're bordered with strips of holly design tape.

Hang your mistletoe in unexpected places if you want your home to have a gay air. Tie with red ribbon.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Shrimp Pilaf (Serves 4)

1 1/2 tablespoons salad oil
1/2 cup thinly sliced onions
1/2 cup, chopped green pepper
1/2 cup rice
1 cup canned tomatoes
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup water
1 cup cleaned, cooked shrimp

Place salad oil, onion, green pepper and rice in skillet. Cook over low heat until rice is brown, stirring frequently. Add tomatoes, salt and water. Mix well. Pour a 1 1/2 quart baking dish and arrange shrimp over top. Bake, covered, for 45 minutes in a slow oven until rice is tender and has absorbed liquid.

or a white bo, or place it in a "basket" shaped of chicken wire painted white.

Christmas greeting cards make attractive displays in the home when they're tacked to a mantel, on doors, folding screens or even window panes. If you attach them as they're received you've solved the problem of what to do with them, and at the same time can admire them.

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The Ladies Guild of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church honored Mrs. Charles Vajda with a stork shower at the home of Mrs. Stewart Hauxwell last Thursday evening.

The evening was spent playing bingo and the prizes were given to Mrs. Vajda. A nice lunch was served and the honored guest received many lovely gifts.

Mrs. Roy Horning, Mrs. Robert Annie, Mrs. Oscar Goss and Mrs. Clarence Papendick.

A nice lunch was served by the hostesses and Mrs. Sorenson received many lovely gifts.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the Sisters and nurses at Mercy Hospital also the Frederic Morris and the many friends who sent cards and flowers during my recent stay at the hospital.

Mrs. Mabel Crooks

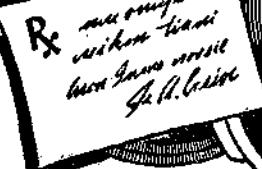
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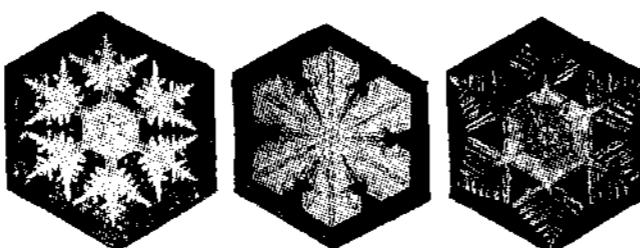
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Every Snowflake A Work Of Art, Says University of Michigan Man



SIX-SIDED SNOWFLAKES LEND BEAUTY TO WINTER — Snowflakes float down to earth in an almost unlimited number of shapes, according to Lewis S. Ramsdell, University of Michigan mineralogy professor. The flakes form freely from water vapor in the air and usually take some variety of six-sided star, such as those above. The lace-like patterns, he says, happen because the water vapor contains so little of the crystallizing material needed to fill out the design.

Ann Arbor — Who says geometry isn't divine

Next time it snows, take a good look at the fragile six-petaled "flowers" sifting against your coat, a University of Michigan professor of mineralogy suggests.

Lewis S. Ramsdell, chairman of the Department of Mineralogy, explains that snowflakes are formed directly from water vapor and grow freely in the upper air, crystallizing in the hexagonal system—one of the common patterns in which substances crystallize.

He states that the variety of the shapes of these ethereal crystals is apparently endless. "Photographers have found thousands of distinct designs. It has been said, and probably with good reason, that there are no two snowflakes exactly alike."

Discussing the formation of the flakes from vapor, Professor Ramsdell explains that water freezing freely in the air demonstrates its delicate geometry by forming a six-rayed star. "The rays themselves are placed at 60-degree angles to each other. Occasionally," he says, "the rays are three in number—a factor of six."

"The exquisite lace-like patterns," he goes on to say, "are due to the fact that the water vapor contains so little of the crystallizing material needed to fill out the design. The rays shoot out rapidly without having enough water molecules to make a solid crystal."

"The beauty of the snowflake is further enhanced by the decoration of the separate rays. If one ray is trimmed with additional crystals, the other five likewise display a fine, fern-like ornamentation."

"Some authorities state that snow crystals formed in the higher clouds, and so in cooler regions usually take a more solid form, with the spaces in the angles being filled out to the tips of the rays. On the other hand, snow crystals formed in the lower air,

and therefore in warmer regions, display beautifully decorated rays.

"The large fluffy snowflakes which fall when the temperature is slightly below freezing are really clusters of individual flakes," Professor Ramsdell commented.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the
County of Crawford

In the Matter of the Estate of
Lewis R. Buchanan, Deceased.
At a session of said Court, held
on December 10, 1954
Present, Honorable James V.
Rutledge, Acting Judge of Probate.

Notice is hereby given, that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims in writing and under oath, to said Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon Charles E. Moore of Grayling, Michigan, fiduciary of said estate, and that such claims will be heard by said Court at the Probate Office on February 28, 1955 at 10:00 A.M.

It is ordered, that notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof for three weeks consecutively previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford County Avalanche, and that the fiduciary cause a copy of this notice to be served upon each known party in interest at his last known address by registered mail, return receipt demanded, at least fourteen (14) days prior to such hearing, or by personal service at least five (5) days prior to such hearing.

James V. Rutledge
Acting Judge of Probate

A true copy:
James V. Rutledge
Acting Judge of Probate
Charles E. Moore
Attorney
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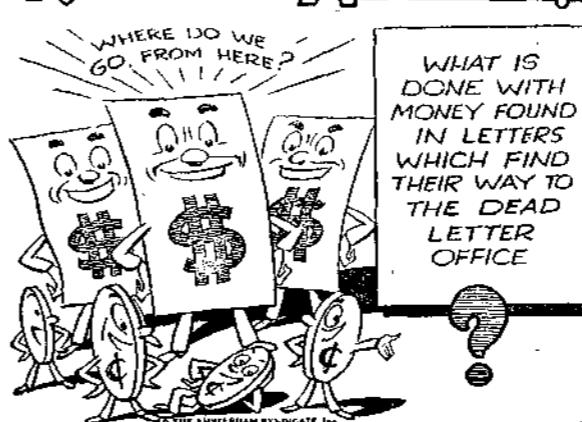
Local Sailor Joins Navy Honor Group

The U. S. Navy Recruiting Office in Alpena announced today that Lloyd B. Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Crawford of 805 Rose Street, Grayling, was enlisted in the U. S. Navy for a period of four years on the 7th of December, Lloyd was enlisted as a part of an all Michigan Company

of recruits, recruited in honor of the men who gave their lives for their Country at Pearl Harbor 13 years ago. Lloyd will undergo nine weeks of recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. Upon completion of training he will go to either a specialized school or to one of the Units of the Fleet.

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to date:
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Water level Dec. 9, '53 1134.13 ft
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ord April 5, '43 ... 1135.39 ft
Minimum level for period of rec
ord Sept. 24-27, '48 ... 1133.57 ft



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BITS O' TALK

Mrs. Russell Carlson, daughter Karen and Mrs. William Houghton spent Saturday in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. William Willis of Detroit spent the weekend here visiting Col. and Mrs. Roy Sindlinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolff spent the weekend in South Bend and their latter's mother, Mrs. Ada Howerton accompanied them in Detroit.

Mrs. James Lynch left the first week of the month to spend the winter in Bay City with her brother and family.

Mrs. Ella Wilson and daughter Nancy spent the weekend in Bay City visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snyder and daughter Peggy.

We have the best in skins and ski supplies, specials for Xmas Clough Sport Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ashton spent Friday in Gaylord on business.

Bruce LaChappelle of Flint spent last weekend here visiting his mother, Mrs. C. M. Church.

The Robot Luters of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend visiting their parents.

Mrs. Robert Dyer returned home last Thursday after spending a week in Lansing. The Dyers also announce the sale of one of their cottages at Lake Margrethe to Mr. Dyer's brother, Donald and family.

Mrs. Mabel Lewis and her brother Fred Leng left Saturday to spend the winter in Palm Bay, Florida, and he in Melbourne. Enroute they spent the weekend in Detroit visiting their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Larson and also spent several days in Ashtabula, Ohio, with their brother Captain and Mrs. Robert Leng and family.

Mrs. James Lynch left the first week of the month to spend the winter in Bay City with her brother and family.

Mrs. Fred Niederer and granddaughter Debbie Niederer left last Wednesday and spent the weekend in Lansing visiting her daughter and husband, Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur Forget.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Feldhauser spent the week-end in Bay City visiting their daughter, Mrs. Al Roth and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis and family moved into their new home on the AuSable River last Wednesday.

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Mrs. Margaret Barton of Canada arrived last Tuesday to spend some time here visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Forbes and

family. James Forbes of Detroit spent the weekend with his wife and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Colton Sr., of Detroit spent the weekend with their son and family.

New Standard Gasoline Bans Ice In Gas Line

A new premium gasoline that protects motorists against extreme cold weather gas-line freezing is announced by Standard Oil Company.

Mr. E. L. Hoesli, Agent, Grayling, for Standard, said a new addition in the White Crown gasoline soon to be available at Standard Oil service stations throughout the Midwest prevents ice from forming in the average car's fuel system down to 20 degrees below zero.

The expensive extra protection is being supplied at no increase in price, he added.

"This complements another addition in White Crown gasoline that prevents stalling due to carburetor icing in cold weather," Mr. Hoesli said. "We introduced it more than a year ago in areas where carburetor icing is troublesome. Together, the two additives give our premium gasoline the surest protection against motor troubles due to icing of any kind, from 58 degrees above zero on down to 20 below, or even colder if it's used regularly," he asserted.

Mr. Hoesli said the new fuel line de-icer can save motorists as much as 6½ cents a gallon on fuel because they'll no longer have to pay as much as 85 cents a pint for gas tank elixirs to protect themselves against gas-line freezing in sub-zero weather.

The new additive works on the same general principle as the anti-freeze which prevents water in automobile radiators from freezing, Mr. Hoesli points out. The de-icing agent dissolves in any water that has condensed out of moist air in the fuel tank. The resulting solution has a lower freezing point than water.

He noted the new additive is harmless to all parts of the fuel system and has no corrosion or deposit-forming tendencies.



Army Pfc. Robert C. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clair E. Smith Route 1, Grayling, is a clarinetist in the VII Corps "Jayhawk" Band in Germany. The band recently played during ceremonies for visiting French Generals Marcel LeJouanne, commandant of the French I Corps, and Raymond Pedron, commandant of the 4th French Infantry Division. A member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Smith is a 1953 graduate of Western Michigan College. He entered the Army in November 1953.

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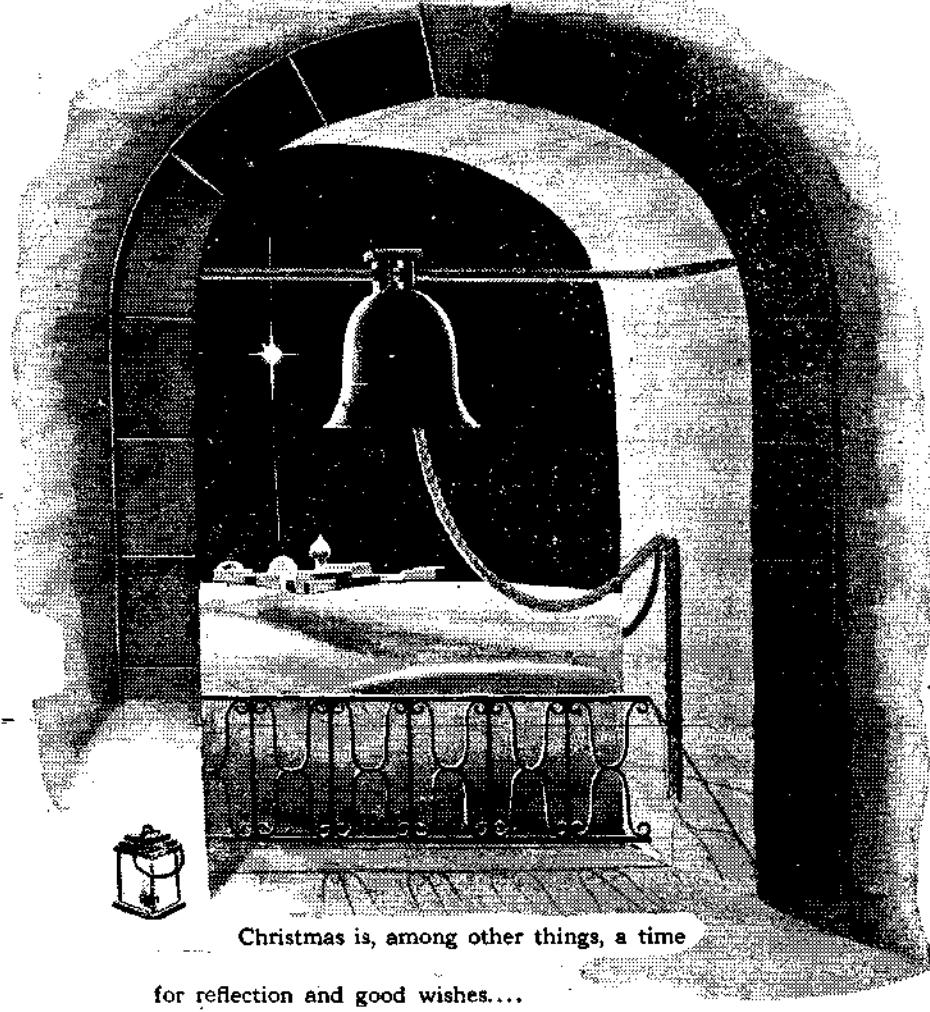


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Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was
ashamed of his famous poem,
"Night Before Christmas," and
would not acknowledge that he
wrote it for more than 20 years.

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The community of Santa Claus,
Indiana owes its name to its un-
usual name. At Christmas time
its small post office is swamped
with mail from throughout the
world.

Christmas Greetings



Christmas is, among other things, a time

for reflection and good wishes....

Ours, for you, is a sincere wish

that the spirit of the Christmas Season —

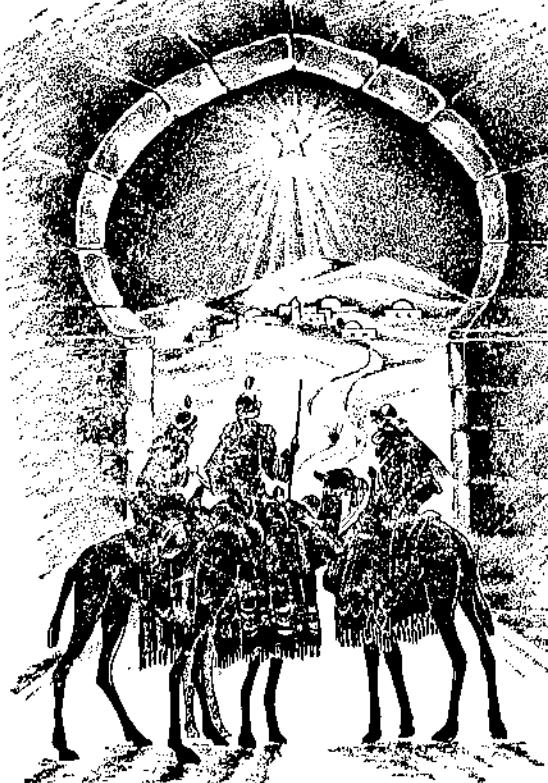
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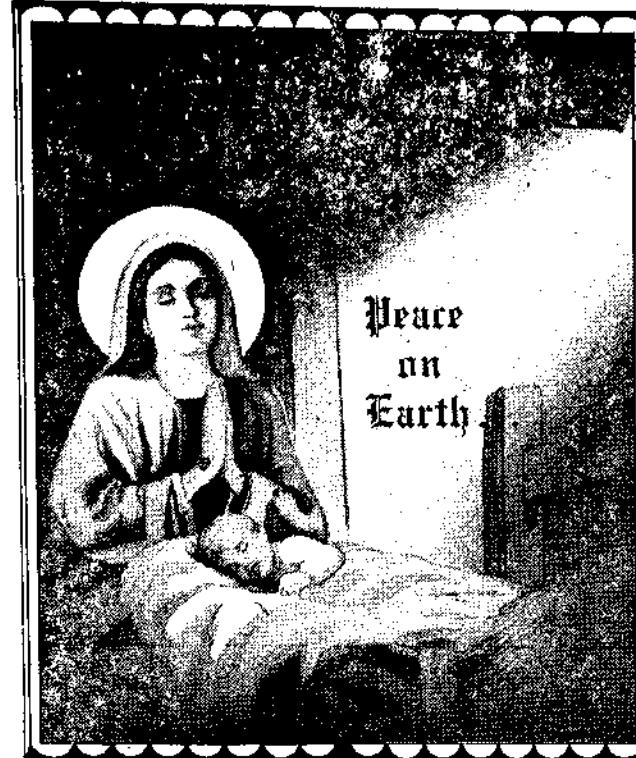
Beautiful indeed is the
Story of Christmas...
the Story of how, so
many years ago, the
Wise Men saw the
Light... the Star...
and followed it to a
rich and wonderful
reward.



Again it is Christmas
... a time to find new
faith and new hope in
the true spirit of the
occasion. May your
Christmas be rich in
joy and happiness
... a season of much
joy.

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A new Christmas tradition has
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pre-Christmas tradition."

At any rate, it's that time of the
year again and safety organizations,
insurance companies, fire
department officials, even this
newspaper give out with the per-
ennial Yuletide warning: "Don't
have a Christmas tree fire this
year."

Precautions against fire is es-
pecially urged during the Christmas
season because of the hazards pre-
sented by decorations, gift wrap-
ping, defective wiring for Christ-
mas tree illumination, and the tree
itself.

This warning is necessary be-
cause of the established fact that
fire takes a toll of more than 7,000
lives each year in the United
States, with mortality from this
cause naturally reaching its peak
during the winter months.

You can keep from having a
Christmas tree fire in your home
by being especially careful about
two things: the tree and the lights.

Choose your tree carefully.

One that has been cut too long or
stored in a warm place will lose

its needles quickly and is a def-
inite fire hazard.

If possible, cut

your own tree or buy it directly

from the grower, then keep it in a

cool, shaded place out of the wind,

until you're ready to decorate it.

Your Christmas Fireside Can Be Bright With Color

If you wish to get as much
"color" as possible in your Christ-
mas observance, here's novel
idea.

Pine cones, small kindling or
chips can be so treated as to give
off colored flames when burned in
the fireplace. Dipped or soaked in
a solution of various salts of cer-
tain metals, cones or chips will
burn with a distinctive color.

Cones will not readily absorb

water, so salts must be suspended

in a solution of turpentine.

Compounds which produce spe-
cific colors when burned are: Red—
strontium chloride; green—bar-
ium chloride; blue-green—copper
oxide or copper sulfate; orange—
calcium chloride; lavender—potas-
sium chloride; and yellow—sodium
chloride.

A second method—if only cones
are to be used—is to dip the cones
in paraffin and before the paraffin
hardens sprinkle with the follow-
ing chemicals for desired color ef-
fect: Green—copper sulfate; red—
strontium nitrate; orange—cal-
cium nitrate; and yellow—sodium
chloride.

Interesting Facts About Xmas Trees And Season Customs

"Twelfth Night," which many
communities celebrate by a com-
munity burning of Christmas trees,
is derived from the custom of early
Christians who celebrated the feast
of the Nativity of Christ for 12
days, placing special emphasis on
the last or twelfth day. The
"Twelfth Night" tree burning is
also said to commemorate the
light of the Star of Bethlehem.

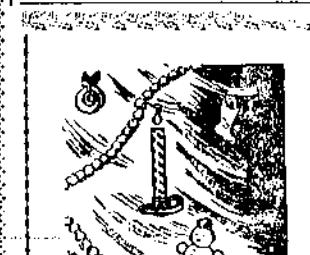
The manufacture of toys for
Christmas gifts and other uses last
year required approximately 190,-
000 tons of steel products from all
sources.

The first Christmas tree in San
Francisco was made in 1850 from
Douglas fir branches wired on a
stick by a German wine shop pro-
prietor.

Over three-fourths of the nation's
Christmas trees come from the
states bordering Canada.

The Puritan government of Eng-
land outlawed Christmas in 1643.
With the restoration of the Stuarts,
Christmas customs and traditions
were revived, but Christmas never
regained its former prestige in
England.

The first Christmas cards were
mailed in 1840 by Henry Cole, an
Englishman. The cards depicted a
Victorian family assembled at the
festive board and bore the now-
famous greeting: "A Merry Christ-
mas and a Happy New Year to
you."



We happily
add our

*Best
Wishes*
Smiggen's
Diggins'

Outdoor Decorations Should Not Harm Evergreen Shrubs

It won't be a chilly Christmas for
many outdoor evergreens and
shrubs this year, with outside
home decorations expected to be
even more popular than in past
years.

It's nice to have bright decorations
outside, tree experts say, but
too many home owners give their
home grounds evergreens a hot
foot while stringing them with
overly-powerful Christmas lights
for blinking, brilliant colorama.

They offer this advice to protect
trees while utilizing them to the
best advantage in achieving that
beautiful outdoor display:

Use only electrical fixtures de-
signed to be strung on outdoor
trees.

Use bulbs no stronger than 15-
watts. They're bright enough to be
gay and colorful, yet don't gener-
ate enough heat to burn foliage,
even on direct contact.

Check periodically to determine
if needles or foliage are turning
brown in vicinity of lights. If so,
rearrange the lights. Not even a
beautiful light display is worth
marring valuable evergreens that
are a source of beauty the year
round.

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Christmas Time

MORE than two thousand years ago, three Wise Men followed the
Star of Bethlehem to a manger . . . the humble birthplace of Him
who was to bring a new spirit into the World . . . the spirit of "Peace
on Earth, Good Will to Men." Today, as in all the years between,
that spirit lives on in the hearts and minds of all mankind . . . calling
us to church on this, our Savior's natal day . . . to lift our voices
in those beloved old Christmas hymns and carols . . . and lift our
hearts anew with the courage and hope of His message.

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*Season's
Greetings*

As Christmas again brightens
our hearts, we think of others.
This is the spirit that first saw
the light of day in a stable at
Bethlehem, nearly two thou-
sand years ago. May God bless
and protect you is our
Christmas wish.



Shirlee Shoppe

Merry Christmas
From

BILL'S LAUNDER-IT

Greetings

May the meaning of Christmas
be deeper... its friendships
stronger and its hopes brighter
as you observe this greatest of
all occasions.

HANSON'S CAFE

May the sparkle of Christmas candles make your season
warm and bright—our sincere wish to each of our
friends and customers

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"We have seen His star in the
east and are come to worship
Him."

— MATTHEW 2:20

Christmas
Blessings

Blessed Christmas
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Happiness
to you and yours

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Will Brighten
Christmas Party

If you're planning a Christmas party for the kiddies, why not brighten up the affair the Mexican way? Make plans for a "piñata" and we promise it will be the high spot of the gathering. Widely used in Mexico throughout the year, the piñata is buried at Christmas time, during the Mexican Christmas Festival which



lasts 21 days. It is constructed of thin, fragile clay, filled with sweet-meats and trinkets, then suspended from the ceiling as a form of decoration.

Sometime during the gathering, each of the guests is blindfolded and given a stick which is brandished in the air until the piñata is shattered and the delicious contents pour forth.

It's a wonderful way to entertain the kiddies, but the game may be—and often is—enjoyed by older folks.

Subscribe for the Avalanche



"I am sorry, Mary. They tell stable, a bright new star with the brilliance of a million candles.

And so it was that Joseph, the humble Galilean carpenter, and his queeny young wife Mary, took refuge in a stable near the edge of town. For them, there had been no room.

The population of Bethlehem was more than double, the descendants of David, having come to register as ordered by Herod. The journey had been a particularly tiresome one for Mary. The quietness of the stable and the small amount of a new-born king. They bring warmth it provided was indeed gifts of precious gold.

Near the hour of midnight, the swaddling clothes, a manger for the Child of ethereal beauty, above the Child.

The quietness of the stable gives way to the sounds of camels and voices of men, and there appears a group of Magi, wise men of Persia. They have followed the brightness of the star in search

"Glory in the highest,
And on earth, peace to men of good will."

Planning a turkey dinner for Christmas? If you are, and you want to be sure it's a "good" bird when you place it on the festive table, then follow these tips in preparing that important part of your holiday meal.

Be sure all wing-tip feathers are removed. They may be pulled out easily by pressing the skin between the feathers down to the tips of the quill with the forefingers of one hand and pulling the feathers straight out with the other. The drum stick can also be greatly improved by pulling with a pair of pliers as many of the nine heavy tendons in each leg as possible.

Singe your bird the easy way. Put a few teaspoons of rubbing alcohol in a jar lid, light, then rotate the turkey slowly over the flame. The bird should then be washed with soap in lukewarm water, using a scrub brush, then rinsed in clear water and dried. Don't stuff the turkey until just before putting it into the oven. Three skewers should be used before closing the cavity and a square knot tied after each skewer so the lacing won't tighten. If there is not sufficient opening to let off steam, the dressing will get soggy.

In roasting the turkey, you'll find that the wing-tips can be brought over the back and tied to make a "rack" on which the bird will rest in the roaster.

XMAS CUSTOMS
The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances. But, as official Christian holidays, Christmas and New Year's has had a long struggle to become firmly established.

Holiday Whirl
Means Extra Work
For You-Know-Who

The holiday whirl is about us again and before it is all over some of us may feel like stretching out on the sofa beneath a sign: "Do not disturb until December 25, 1955."

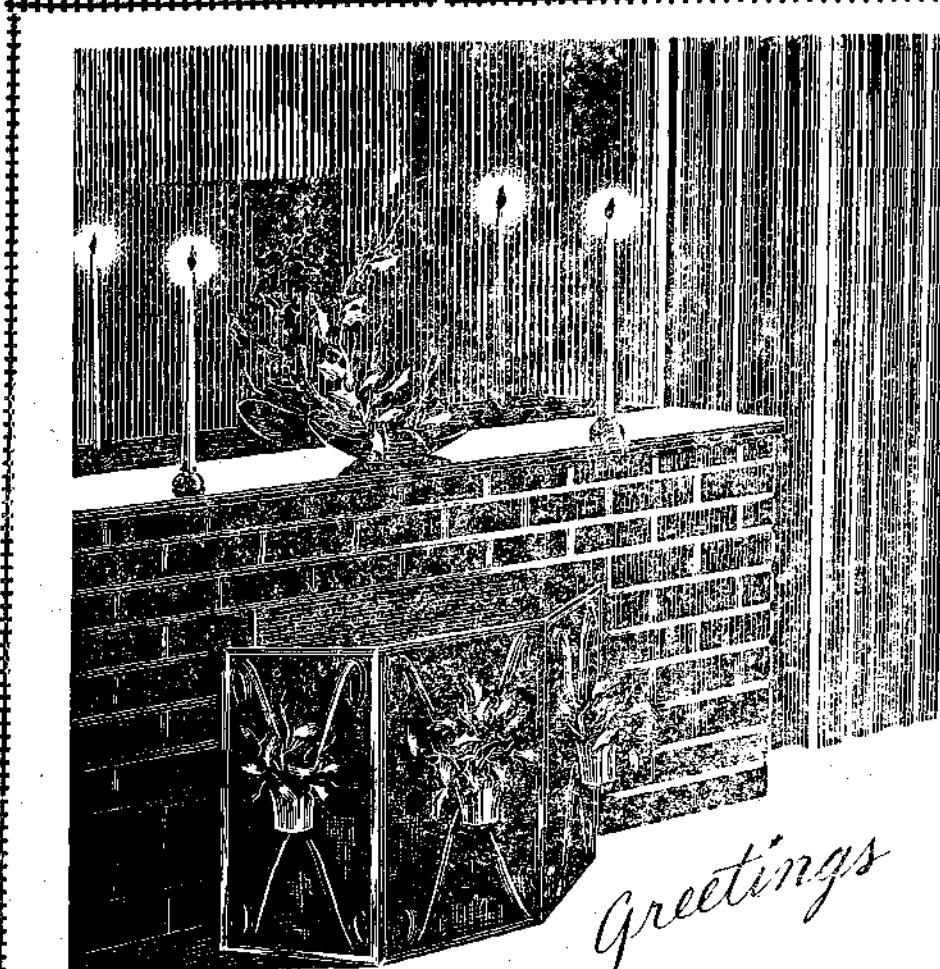
But, let's face it. The common casualty at this time of the year is—Mom. Who gets stuck with the job of doing all the "fixing," of food, of decorations, of practically everything? You guessed it—the first one up in the mornings and usually the last to retire at night—Mom.

Most of us could pave the way for a more enjoyable Christmas this year and a happier New Year, by making an early resolution. It could be done with the simple determination to help make Mom's



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Merry
CHRISTMAS

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May the meaning of Christmas,

be deeper, its friendship—
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for each of you this Season.

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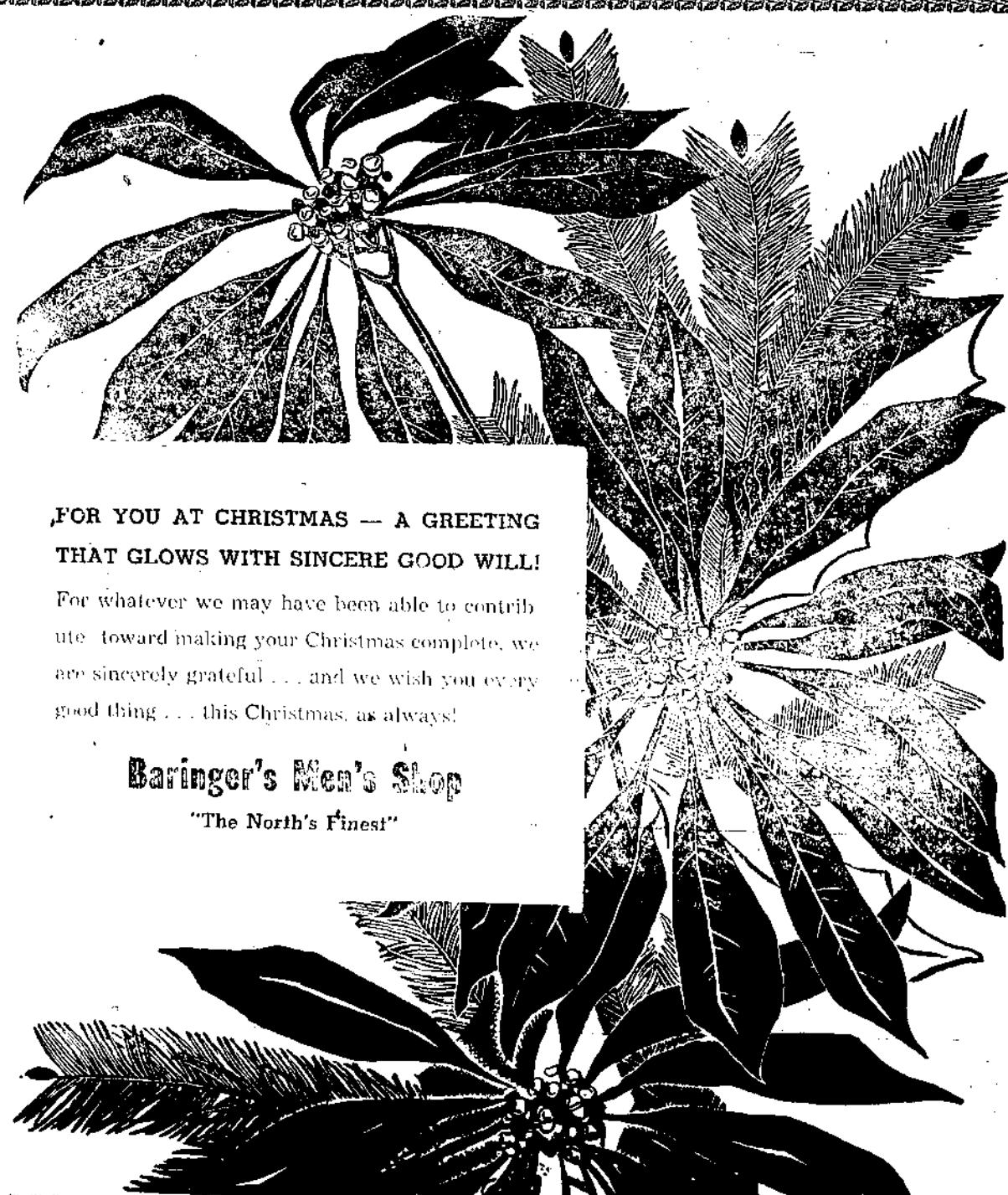
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Compliments of the Season

It's not the wording of a Christmas greeting, but the thought and sincerity that prompts it. Ours carries with it the full appreciation of your courtesies and genuine good wishes for a happy Yuletide.

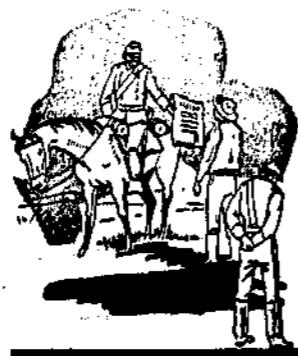
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President Johnson Issued Civil War Amnesty On Dec. 25

Christmas is traditionally a day of universal good will. Even in times of war the battlefronts are often quiet and serene, by mutual consent, on Christmas Day.

It was also on December 25th, in 1865, that President Johnson issued his Civil War amnesty. In an attempt to heal the wounds left by the great war, Johnson issued an amnesty proclamation which did not exclude any persons or classes of persons—not even the highest officials of the Confeder-



acy. Previous amnesty proclamations, issued both by Johnson and his predecessor Lincoln had not been "total" amnesties.

At the time, President Johnson expressed the belief that universal amnesty would tend to secure permanent peace, order, and prosperity throughout the country and would renew and restore respect for and attachment to the national government.

The proclamation pardoned all persons who participated directly or indirectly against the United States in the Civil War "with restoration of all rights, privileges and immunities under the Constitution and the laws which have been made in pursuance thereof."

Mistletoe Once Symbol Of Evil

The mistletoe, once a weapon of death, later became to be considered as a magical medicine, is now a universal symbol of love and peace.

It was with a mistletoe arrow (according to Norse mythology) that Loki killed Balder, the sun god. After Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than the mistletoe, that they would not harm him, Balder was restored to life and it was ruled by the gods that the mistletoe would never again be used to do harm.

Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as a charm promoting fertility.

The present day custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe, although a relatively modern one, is derived from the fact that down through the centuries the mistletoe has been recognized throughout the whole world as a symbol of lasting peace.

Gift-Giving Custom In Ancient England

One of the most plausible versions of the origin of the custom of giving gifts at Christmas time is the one saying it began in England.

In the days of the knights, it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them would meet the young knights and ladies, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

As times changed, so did customs, and roses gave way for other personal gifts at Christmas time.

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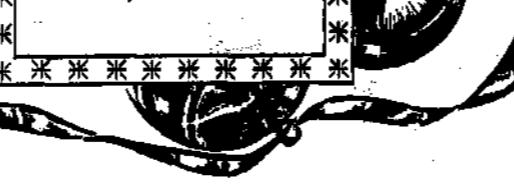
May your Christmas
be bounteous and
full of good cheer.

TIP TOP TOGS

MARIE HERRICK, Prop.

* * * * *
SEASON'S
Heartiest
Cheer
* * * * *

Sincere greetings to all
our good friends. May
the Christmas blessings
of Peace and Happiness
be yours today and in
the days to follow.



CLARE MADSEN

CHAIN SAW SALES AND SERVICE



*A*s we pause in the gaiety of Christmas, let's think first of the Nativity of Him who is the hope of the world today, as two thousand years ago. He alone can bring about the peace of mind and contentment which we eagerly search for and need. May we follow His teachings so that the true spirit of Christmas can remain with us through the days to come.

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Lesser Events Took Place On Christmas Day

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the Nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25th as the date of the birth of the Saviour.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely foreshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25th other than the birth of Christ, and chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara Barton and Frances Blake, among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas is all the average American should be expected to remember. But, it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1837, the Battle of Okeechobee.

In 1841, Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1892, wreck of the Santa Maria, at Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became Emperor of Japan.

It was also on Christmas day, in 1947, that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Renaissance Day. And, Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, settled on Christmas day, 1847, by Peter W. Crawford.



Just like most everyone else, Saint Nick prospered after he came to America.

In Europe, before he reached these shores, Saint Nick was a tall, singular man who rode a bony gray mare. He hadn't been in America long, however, before he had a new name, a new face, figure and a new and better mode of transportation.

The early English settlers in this country started Santa's "new look" process. They adopted the legendary figure from the Dutch, but couldn't pronounce "Saint Nicholas." The best they could do was "Santa Kalouf," which was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

In 1809, Washington Irving in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," changed Santa's physical appearance by describing him as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge britches. He also taught St. Nick to smoke a pipe, and traded his hay burner for a wagon.

Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit From Saint Nicholas," went even further. He gave Saint Nick a slight, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and a round little belly.

Future writers may try to trade Prancer and Dancer off for a jet ship and trim down Santa's waist line. It will be a tough job, for, though he isn't streamlined, Santa pleases the young folks and that's mighty important.



Let's be Joyous and Gay

It's Christmas

We're hoping you'll have a most glorious Christmas . . . one long to be remembered.

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On US-27 Between Grayling and Gaylord

Merry
Christmas



Let us be truly grateful

That we live in a country

Where we worship as we desire.

May we be ever thankful

That Christmas in America is observed

With genuine love

And understanding for our fellowman.

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WITH BEST WISHES FOR YOUR HAPPINESS

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May all the
joy of this
Happy Christmas Day
be yours

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



May the carols of Christmas
ring out in joyous melody
their message of good cheer.

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Christmas... a time to renew spiritual values
—to strengthen old friendships... in this
spirit, we send our sincere Christmas Greetings to you.



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Once Plentiful Reindeer Dwindle in Numbers

Santa's helpers—the reindeer—once were plentiful in their native habitats in the north. In recent years, however, their number dwindled so seriously that conservationists once feared the animals might become extinct.

Chief enemy of the reindeer, as of so many animals, is the wolf. Some experts estimate that wolves have destroyed over 500,000 reindeer within the last 15 years or so. It was estimated in 1950 that there were 50,000 reindeer left.

In the past few years American boys and girls have been forced to settle for "stand-ins" or native deer wherever Santa's sled with its eight helpers was used. The true reindeer are difficult to keep alive in temperate climate and with the supply so short, protective measures don't allow the reindeer to come southward for the holiday season.



HELPING HAND . . . "Not a creature was stirring . . ." except this two-year old who slipped downstairs to see what was up—or down. Guess who belongs to the boots.

"Oh, dear!" she said. "Wouldn't you just know it?" She slumped on the arm of her husband's chair. "What will we do?"

"Too late now to buy something for them. Stores are closed. Well

BEARING GIFTS

By Bruce Shelly

"OH NO!" said Brad Carr. "The Simpsons! We've completely forgotten the Simpsons!"

He plopped himself into the easy chair, still holding the precariously-balanced stack of gifts in his arms.

"Who?" asked his young wife.

"The Simpsons. The couple that used to live next door to Dad. You remember, last Christmas they gave us that candy dish and we were so embarrassed because we hadn't bought anything for them. And now this year we did it again!"

Margie Carr scowled, her pert face filling with little wrinkles of child-like concern and attractiveness.

"Oh dear!" she said. "Wouldn't you just know it?" She slumped on the arm of her husband's chair. "What will we do?"

"Too late now to buy something for them. Stores are closed. Well

It seems to some that Christmas will then be young at heart.

Christmas is for the young!

How many times do we hear grown-ups make this statement?

Much too often.

Christmas belongs to all of us,

to share, to take part in the celebra-

tion of the birth of the Saviour,

the greatest event in the history

of the world.

For a true Christmas we need

only renew our faith in the Saviour

born at Christmas time. We, too,

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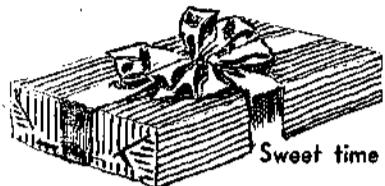
Christmas belongs to all of us,

May Christmas and the
coming year hold much
happiness in store for you.

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CHRISTMAS



Sweet time of security,
may it remain

with you throughout
the days to come.

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"Unto you is born this day... a Saviour."

Luke 2:11



Christmas

Greetings

SORENSEN'S FUNERAL HOME

A Christmas
Message

The simple familiar good wishes of our friends and neighbors truly make our Christmas merry. May health... happiness... good cheer and the best of everything be yours.



Dawson's



Every year about this time we the same vein, we can not say hear the same story: Christmas is too commercial merely because newspapers, magazines and catalogs are filled with gift advertising as the holiday season approaches. They advertise Spring merchandise, Fall merchandise, etc., so why not Christmas merchandise, when the dominant theme is one of giving?

Last year, in fact, some grown-ups rebelled and said because Christmas was getting "so commercial" they intended to tell their children that there was no Santa Claus.

Like little Virginia O'Hanlon, who wrote the famous "Is there a Santa?" letter to the editor of the New York Sun, children are very easily disillusioned. But, like Virginia, they need only reassurance from someone they believe in to sustain their wonderful belief. It is entirely wrong for us to shatter their dreams.

Christmas is commercial in some aspects. Thousands of people earn a livelihood working the year around in toy shops or factories which produce Christmas specialties. This, in itself, does not make Christmas "too commercial," for toymakers have produced Christmas novelties for hundreds and hundreds of years. In

the time when Santa visits.

For — "he exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they

abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there was no Santa Claus!"

Let there be a Santa as long as there are little Virgines.

Cedars Of Lebanon Oldest Christmas Trees

What some people consider to be the world's oldest Christmas trees have been standing on a Mediterranean plateau for centuries. These are the cedars of Lebanon, protected by both religion and law.

Some of these magnificent trees have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

These trees were not always protected. Once, as the result of an agreement between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon, conscripted Hebrew laborers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem, as the contract stated "cedar trees without number."

As they have done since the first Christmas, Christians will this year follow the Star to the stable-grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity of Jesus of Nazareth in Bethlehem.

—Always small and poor, Bethlehem is even poorer today than most people would believe. A recent visitor said, "Wanderers fill the streets—anyone can see why Mary and Joseph found no room in the inn."

Last Christmas, shepherds watching their flocks outside Bethlehem had to be especially watchful lest the sheep trap themselves in the barbed wire of the narrow no-man's land separating Jordan and Israel. Bethlehem, on the Jordan side of the wire, has as well been sorely affected by the hostility and the uneasy truce. It is crowded with Arab refugees who formerly lived in Israel.

The effect of the conflict has been crippling of Bethlehem's chief industry, the making and selling of objects of piety from olive wood, Dead Sea stone and mother-of-pearl. Except at Christmas, pilgrims are so few that the profit goes from the business.

On Christmas Eve, however, the dusty city takes on new life. Christian diplomats living in divided Jerusalem expect to be escorted to the little town over the unused highway through no-man's land. Pilgrims from the Israeli side pass through the Mandelbaum Gate. Pilgrims rich and poor alike, worship together in the fourth century Church of the Nativity. There is a High Mass, during which the image of the Christ Child is carried from the church through a series of underground chapels.

The ceremonies come to a climax before three adjacent shrines. The Altars of the Nativity, the Wise Men and the Manger. Outside, Christians from many lands will sing, as angels sang nearly 2,000 years ago: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Xmas Mail



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FOR
A VERY HAPPY
HOLIDAY
SEASON



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Crawford County Avalanche
Tuesday, December 23, 1952

Quick Xmas Quiz

1. Why are candles used during the Christmas season?
2. Who gets credit for origin of the custom of hanging Christmas stockings?
3. Is Kris Kringle and Santa Claus the same?
4. A familiar plant to us — what is the golden bough?
5. Who was Joel Polack?
6. Who sent the first Christmas cards?
7. Which state has a town named Santa Claus?
8. Legend says the crown of Thorns was plaited from which Christmas plant?
9. What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
10. Who wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas?"

ANSWERS

1. As symbol of the Star of Bethlehem.
2. Saint Nicholas once dropped some coins into a poor family's stocking hung up to dry.
3. Kris Kringle.
4. Mistletoe.
5. The American statesman who brought the potomac to Mexico.
6. Henry Clay from England.
7. Clement Moore.

therefore considered it sacred.

Legend also has it that the leaves of the plant were once white. Then, the crown of thorns was plaited from holly and from that day the leaves turned a deep red.

It was also a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, whether husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year. The boldest of witches, according to another once-prevalent belief, would not venture near a house which displayed a wreath of holly on the door.

Did You Wonder Why Santa Drops Gifts Down Chimney?

How did it come about that Santa drops his gifts down the chimney?

For the answer to this common belief about Santa and Christmas, we must go back to Saint Nicholas, responsible for so many other customs related to Christmas.

There's a story about an impoverished nobleman who was unable to find husbands for his three daughters because he could not afford a dowry for each. He was about to sell the daughters into slavery when St. Nicholas heard about it. Silently, Old Saint Nick dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. All three daughters soon married and lived happily ever after.

Thereafter, Saint Nicholas was often pictured holding three bags of gold. It is thought that he died about 348 A.D. and historians say that for 30 days after his death his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity.

It could be said that St. Nick and Dr. Clement Moore, who wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" (now better known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas") contributed most to our present concept of Santa Claus.

MINCE PIE

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring in mince pie was said to represent the rich gifts the wise men brought to the Christ Child.

Like Mistletoe, Legend Surrounds Holly Plant

Holly, like mistletoe, has become a part of Christmas tradition, but the similarity does not end here. Both holly and mistletoe were once surrounded by numberless superstitions.

The legend of the mistletoe, which changed from a symbol of evil to one of love is the best known. Yet, there are some interesting superstitions regarding holly. They believed that its evergreen leaves signified that it was never deserted by the sun, and

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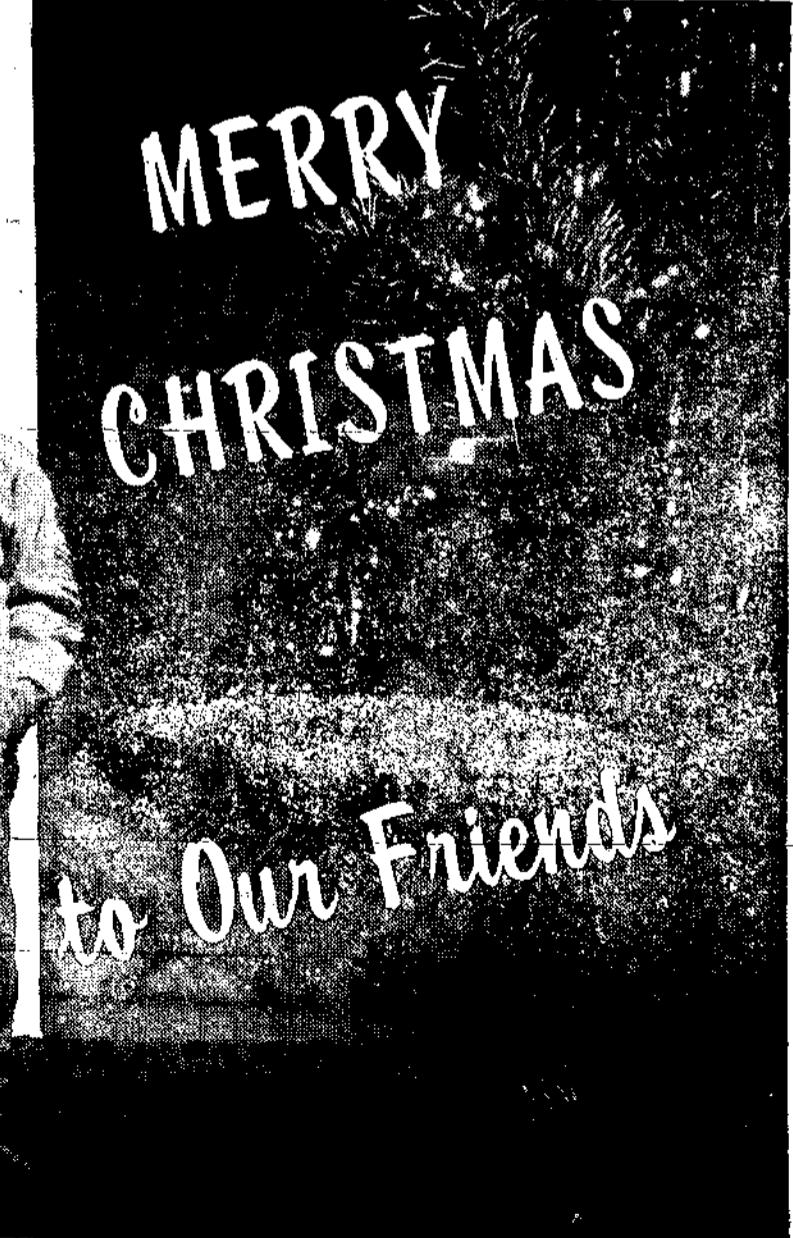
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Christmas Scene: St. Francis Set The Stage

Did you ever wonder about the origin of the custom of displaying the Christ Child in the crib at Christmas time? These displays have become increasingly popular, so that this Christmas we find manger scenes in churches, store windows, even in outdoor locations.

Credited with the idea of the first display is St. Francis of Assisi, who is reported to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate Holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us."

This was in the small village of Greccio, Italy, in the year 1200. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

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JOY TO THE WORLD . . . The famous boys' choir of St. Vincent Ferrer Church raises its collective voice in song during rehearsal of hymns which will be sung at Christmas Eve midnight mass. Boys are from eight to 14 years of age.



LARGEST MANGER SCENE . . . Boy visitor is dwarfed by manger scene in stone and marble, by sculptor Vincenzo Ferri, in Rome. Each statue is from 8 to 12 feet tall, include the Madonnas and infant; St. Joseph and the three wise kings bearing gifts.

Old Superstitions About Eating Of Mince Pies

Many writers say the mince pie originated in Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history. Nonetheless, it was an essential part of the Yuletide celebration in early England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie during the holiday season, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

Christmas Rose Is Hallowed By Legend

The delicate beauty of the Christmas rose (helleborus niger) is hallowed by legend. A poor shepherd girl, the story goes, wept bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child bearing rich gifts when she had nothing. An angel appeared upon learning the reason for the girl's distress, the angel caused the ground to be carpeted with shining white flowers. The young shepherdess gathered some blossoms. When she presented her gift, the Infant smiled and as His fingers touched the white flowers, the petals became tinged with pink.

Christmas Was Once A Movable Feast

Christmas was once like Easter in that it was a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year.

St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, is responsible for establishment of the universal date we celebrate today. In 337 A.D., with the permission of Pope Julius I, St. Cyril appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.

Saint Nicholas Was Bishop Of Myra

Saint Nicholas lived some 1600 years ago in Turkey where he was for 17 years Bishop of Myra. Today, the place is known as Demre, province of Antalya—where his church may still be found and one may yet hear of the generous acts which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we all know today.

It is said that Saint Nicholas, a man of great virtue and piety, became the patron saint of boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic, who had been murdered by a robber-luncheon while they were enroute to school at Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a dream, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayer and the murderer confessed his crime.



SANTA KNOWS . . . Boys will be boys, but Santa warns that time is growing short. Andreas Kleczek, who came from Poland to live in U.S. with parents, talks it over with Santa.



KING SIZE . . . Letter of "thanks" is mailed by 19-month-old triple amputee in Roxbury, Mass. who received artificial limbs in time to walk for 1953 Christmas celebration.



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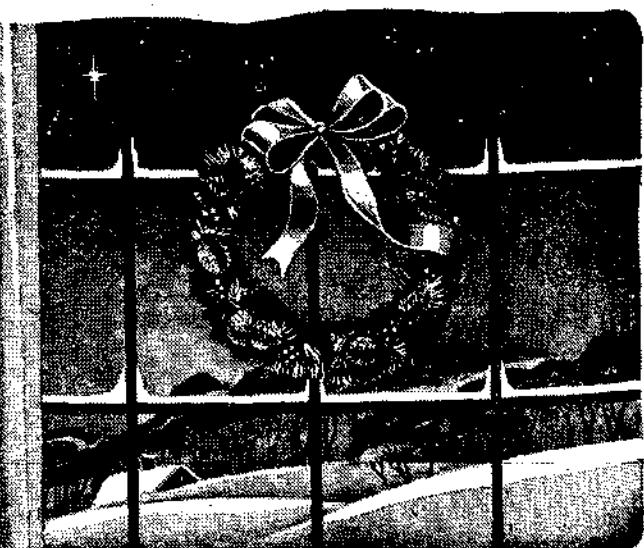
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